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File:



Office: Nebraska Service Center

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IN RE:

Applicant:



Application: Application for Travel Document Pursuant to Section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1203

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: SELF-REPRESENTED

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prevent clearly unwarranted  
invasion of personal privacy

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

Mary C. Mulrean, Acting Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of the Philippines, who seeks to obtain a travel document under section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), 8 U.S.C. 1203. The director denied the application for a reentry permit after determining that the application was filed after the applicant had departed the United States.

On appeal [REDACTED] mother states [REDACTED] left before I [REDACTED] (mother) applied for re-entry because we did not know that [REDACTED] had to have approval for re-entry permit prior to leaving for the Philippines."

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 223.2(b)(1) allows for the approval of a reentry permit if the application (Form I-131) is filed by a person who is in the United States at the time of application and is a lawful permanent resident or conditional permanent resident.

The Application for Travel Document (Form I-131) was filed on December 7, 1999. Form I-131 reflects the applicant's intended date of departure as June 13, 1999. The record also contains a copy of the applicant's passport page 4 which shows her date of arrival in the Philippines as June 15, 1999. Therefore, the applicant has not established that she was in the United States, as required, at the time the application was filed with the Service. The director's decision to deny the application is affirmed.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The applicant has not met that burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.